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SUBJECT: FRENCH INTEREST IN MOROCCO

REF: PARIS 21600

1. OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS BY DEWARREN TO EMBOFF REPORTED
REFTEL DO NOT SQUARE WITH REMARKS MADE TO ME BY FRENCH
CHARGE DE LA TOUR DU PIN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. LATTER
DID NOT MENTION CONVERSATION BETWEEN LEBEL AND KING
HASSAN (LEBEL, INCIDENTALLY, HAS BEEN VACATIONING AT
CABO NEGRO FOR PAST TWO WEEKS AND HAS LEFT MOST OF BALL
CARRYING TO DE LA TOUR DU PIN).

2. WE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REPORT THAT 100 FAMILIES
WITH HOLDINGS OF LESS THAN FIVE HECTARES WILL BE ALLOWED
REMAIN ON THEM BECAUSE INDICATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO DATE ARE
THAT NO PROPERTY TOO SMALL TO BE SEIZED. WE WILL
ENDEAVOR CONFIRM. IN THE MEANTIME, WISH TO NOTE THAT,
ACCORDING FRENCH HERE, QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF EARNINGS FROM
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CURRENT HARVEST IS FAR FROM SETTLED AND FARMERS ARE NOT RPT

NOT ALLOWED SELL LIVESTOCK, WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERED PROPERTY OF GOM, ALONG WITH ALL FARM MACHINERY, FUEL, TOLS, ETC. FARMERS ALLOWED REMAIN TEMPORARILY IN HOUSES, BUT EXPECTED TO BE OUT WITHIN MONTH OR SIX WEEKS.

3. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY MOROCCANIZATION. TWO SMALL MISSIONARY PROPERTIES, AT AZROU AND KHEMISSET, ARE BEING TAKEN OVER, AS IS RCA PROPERTY AT TANGIER. FURTHERMORE, THREE PROPERTIES BELONGING USG ARE ON LIST PUBLISHED AUGUST OF PROPERTIES TO BE TAKEN OVER. THEY ARE FOUR SMALL PARCELS WITH TOTAL AREA OF LESS THAN TWO HECTARES AT THE VOA RELAY STATION SITE NEAR TANGIER. WE THINK THIS MAY BE RESULT OF AN ERROR ON PART GOM AND ARE LOOKING INTO IT. WILL REPORT DETAILS AS SOON AS WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

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